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INVESTIGATION

Province trying to ensure killer won't profit from book

B.C. is promising a law to prevent offenders profiting from their crimes after a book reportedly written by serial killer Robert Pickton was published, drawing condemnation from the premier and the federal minister of public safety.

By Monday afternoon, the 144-page book titled *Pickton: In His Own Words* was no longer available through the website of online retailer Amazon.

Outskirts Press, which published the book, issued a statement Monday saying it had asked Amazon remove the book from its website.

"We have a long-standing policy of not working with, nor publishing work by, incarcerated individuals," the statement said. "Outskirts Press apologizes to the families of the victims for any additional heartache this may have caused."

Citing privacy laws, the Correctional Service of Canada said it cannot provide details on an offender's file, but "it has been made aware of the book that has been published and understands the content may be offensive to some."

It said in a statement that federal offenders aren't allowed to profit from recounting their crimes if it is contrary to the goals of an offender's correctional plan or poses a threat to someone's safety, including victims, or to the security of a

federal institution.

People serving sentences in federal correctional facilities have limited access to computers, but do not have access to the Internet or to email. The service said prisoners are able to communicate with members of the public in writing and are entitled to privileged correspondence.

The Pickton book raised questions about whether there is a need for legislation preventing offenders from profiting from their crimes, something that B.C. Premier Christy Clark promised.

"I am at a loss for words. To think about the pain that he's prepared to willingly cause all of the families of those people who he murdered," Clark told reporters in Vancouver.

Solicitor General Mike Morris asked Amazon to stop carrying the book, saying he thinks it's "despicable" that someone could profit from their crimes.

"There's no way as long as I'm (solicitor general) that anybody's going to make a nickel off of Robert Pickton's file," he said.

There is no confirmation that Pickton actually wrote the book, but a statement from Morris said the province is investigating every means possible to ensure the 66-year-old from Port Coquitlam will not profit in any way.

Pickton is serving a life sentence for the second-degree murders of six women and is being held at Kent maximum security prison near Agassiz, B.C., about 120 kilometres east of Vancouver.

Amazon did not respond to requests for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Student life in 140 square feet



A demonstration unit, representative of the 140-square-foot nano suites proposed for UBC student residences at the Nest student union building. CONTRIBUTED

HOUSING

UBC unveils its fully furnished nano suites

Neal Hall
For Metro | Vancouver

The University of British Columbia unveiled Monday the future of on-campus student housing: tiny, 140-square-foot, fully furnished "nano" suites.

They're roughly the size of average parking stalls, but appear to be surprising livable with a mini-kitchen, double bed and small bathroom.

The plan for the pilot project is to build 70 of the micro suites in the Gage South Student Residence by 2019.

The university came up with the idea to try to meet student demand for more affordable campus housing.

The nano suites are expected to rent for about \$700 a month when ready for occupancy in 2019. That compares to current 230-square-foot studio suites that will rent for about \$1,100 in 2019.

The nano suites will have a double bed that folds up in six seconds to become a 21-square-foot computer desk/study area.

The desk remains level when

the bed folds down, so you can leave a laptop on it without falling off.

"I would say the student feedback has been really positive," Andrew Parr, managing director of UBC student housing, said Monday.

"There's a huge demand for more housing on campus," he said, adding there are currently more than 10,000 student beds on campus, with five new projects, including the micro suites, that will add another 2,000 beds.

The new residence building with the micro suites will be at the core of the campus, allowing a 10-minute walk to most classes on campus and three minutes to the swimming pool and fitness centre, Parr said.

Each nano suite will be wired with high-speed Internet but will not be furnished with TVs. Instead, TVs with basic cable will be located in common lounge areas on each floor.

There is currently a nano display unit in the Nest, the UBC student union building, to get views from students.



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Andrew Parr

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Dramatic rescue as hike group treks up closed trail

GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Lucky escape for stranded seven after they ignored signs



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Seven hikers have been rescued near Grouse Mountain after they trekked up a closed trail in an area with a high avalanche risk and became stranded.

North Shore Rescue team leader Mike Danks said the group became stranded after attempting to hike the closed Hanes Valley Trail, which runs from Lynn Headwaters Regional Park to the top of Grouse Mountain.

"The only thing I can say they did well is they recognized that they were lost, they called for help and they stayed put," Danks told Metro.

"But for us, we ended up putting our members at risk, all because we had someone that did the Hanes Valley Trail in the summer and thought it would be a great idea to do it in the middle of winter."

He said the hikers, who are from the Vancouver area and in their late 30s and early 40s, set out on the trail at about 10 a.m. on Sunday, ignoring several signs indicating that the route is closed in winter.

The trail, which has several creek crossings and is in a remote area of the backcountry that has a high avalanche risk, is considered to be a challenging route for experienced



North Shore Rescue volunteers use a helicopter for search-and-rescue training in this file photo. FLICKR/NORTH SHORE RESCUE

hikers even in summer conditions.

"There are lots of signs that are up, and they're up there for a reason," said Danks. "It's very steep terrain up there. They were somewhat equipped but definitely not set up for winter travel."

The hikers made it as far as Crown Pass before losing the trail due to a lack of experience and bad weather conditions, said Danks. Fortunately, he said they were able to get a cellphone signal and call for help around 6 p.m.

After first carrying out an avalanche assessment to determine if conditions were safe, Danks said volunteer rescue crews finished helping the hikers back to safety around 2 a.m.

While no one suffered any injuries, Danks said some of

the hikers had signs of hypothermia and had to be re-warmed.

The incident is prompting North Shore Rescue to again remind anyone heading into the backcountry to ensure they're well prepared for winter conditions before hitting the trail.

If conditions on Sunday night had been too unsafe for search-and-rescue volunteers, Danks said the hikers would have been forced to spend the night on the mountain, which could have had dire consequences.

"We just want to make sure that people understand that by taking this risk, by going into these closed areas, we're not always going to be there to help them if it's too dangerous for our own people," he said. "They're very lucky that no one was injured."

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Mike Danks, North Shore Rescue

PROPERTY PRICES

Experts to tackle flipping

Seven people have been named to an advisory panel created to respond to allegations of real estate contract flipping by some Vancouver property agents.

Lawyer Howard Kushner and Central 1 Credit Union president Don Wright are among those who will sit on the panel. The practice involves agents exploiting an assignment clause that allows them to sell a home multiple times before a deal closes, driving up the final price and stacking up their commissions.

The Real Estate Council of British Columbia announced earlier this month it would create an advisory group to investigate the allegations.

Superintendent of Real Estate Carolyn Rogers was appointed chairwoman. She says the panel will examine the ways the council identifies and responds to licensee conduct that could pose a risk to consumers or that fails to meet the standards expected by the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ PANEL

- Howard Kushner, lawyer, Kushner Law Group.
- Don Wright, president and CEO of Central 1 Credit Union.
- Audrey Ho, commissioner of the B.C. Securities Commission.
- Bruce Woolley, lawyer with Stikeman Elliott.
- Carol Geurts, associate broker, Century 21 Veitch Realty, Creston, B.C.
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LEAD IN SCHOOLS

Liberals waiting for more dead fish: NDP

Dead salmon eggs in a northern British Columbia classroom should raise concerns about the safety of drinking water in schools, but the government appears to be downplaying the fears of parents, says Opposition New Democrat Leader John Horgan.

Elevated levels of lead above Health Canada guidelines have been found in school water systems in Kitimat and Prince Rupert, but Health Minister Terry Lake is telling parents not to

worry, Horgan said Monday.

"If I were a parent, I'd be extremely concerned," he said. "We need to be looking at a whole host of schools in the northwest, where there's some of the oldest buildings in the province. If we have troubles in one, it's quite likely we're going to have troubles in all of them."

Parents of students at four Prince Rupert schools received letters from the school district last week telling them elevated levels of lead above Health

Canada guidelines were found in the school water. The school district responded by installing filters on water fountains and flushing the water system each morning.

Four years ago in nearby Kitimat, a concerned teacher prompted water testing at local schools after a classroom experiment to raise salmon eggs in an aquarium ended in repeated failures. The tests found the eggs were killed by elevated levels of copper and lead in the water.

A district-wide investigation then found varied levels of lead and copper in drinking water in other Kitimat schools, but the water in Prince Rupert schools was not tested until late last year.

"The government shouldn't be turning a blind eye and waiting for fish to die in a science experiment," Horgan said.

Lake said he is meeting with Education Minister Mike Bernier to examine the water quality issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The city's FOI bylaw was first adopted by council in 1994.

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City weighs update of info bylaw

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Watchdog launched audit of access practices

Neal Hall
For Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver city council will consider Tuesday a plan to update its Freedom of Information (FOI) bylaw to "streamline" the process for the public and media to get access to information.

The move comes after B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham announced last November that she planned to audit the city's access-to-information practices.

The office of the commissioner said last Nov. 10 that Vancouver, being the largest city in B.C., had a large volume of access requests and "ranked among public bodies with the highest number of complaints and access-to-information appeals received by this office."

The report by the city clerk

going to council Tuesday recommends appointing the city manager as head of the FOI approval process, which is currently done by three people: the city manager, city clerk and director of legal services.

This is expected to speed things up, said Barbara Van Fraassen, the city's director of access to information.

The plan to amend the FOI bylaw was started 18 months ago and is just now coming to fruition, she said.

The city's FOI bylaw was first adopted by council in 1994. Since then, the city has seen a massive increase in requests — from five the first year to 431 last year.

Vincent Gogolek, executive director of the BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, said he was puzzled about the timing of the proposed bylaw amendments, rather than waiting for Denham's recommendations after reviewing the city's FOI practices.

"The timing is unusual," he said. "It hasn't been amended since 2005, so what's the big rush?"

IN BRIEF

Twenty-one the luckiest number for lotto winner

Twenty-one is now Robert Goertzen's special number.

The 44-year-old heavy-equipment instructor in Kelowna has claimed the winning ticket from

Saturday's Lotto 6-49 draw of \$21.9 million.

Goertzen says he paid \$21 for the draw and discovered on Feb. 21 that he won more than \$21 million.

He says he'll continue to work. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier reveals new protections for pets

ANIMAL WELFARE

'Disreputable' operations bad for industry, says breeder

Catherine King has encountered a few distressing situations among fellow dog breeders over the 14 years she has been raising standard poodles in North Vancouver.

In one instance, she said a vendor held by many in high esteem didn't leave any water out for her dogs. In another case, she came across a breeder whose dogs had feces and discharge in their eyes.

"Disreputable breeders are just as damaging to reputable breeders as puppy mills," said King.

"In both instances, I tried to educate the breeder that this is what we need to do, this is how we need to change things. But, they had their way of doing it."

King said she has always felt her hands were tied, but she's now hopeful that will change with prospective legislation announced Monday by British Columbia Premier Christy Clark.

The provincial government is moving to tighten animal protection laws by crafting breeder licensing and inspection regulations, Clark told reporters outside the SPCA animal centre in Vancouver.

The province will also adopt the codes of practice designed by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association for kennel and cattery operations.

They include rules on housing, ventilation, food and water,



Premier Christy Clark pets a dog before an announcement about the protection of pets at the B.C. SPCA on Monday.

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care and supervision, and record keeping.

"What we hope is that we will say to all of those people who are driven by pure naked greed that they are not welcome here in British Columbia," said Clark, as a dog occasionally barked in the background.

"If your desire comes at the expense of animal welfare, we don't want you working in this province."

The announcement comes weeks after the SPCA announced two mass seizures of



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sick and neglected animals in alleged animal cruelty cases.

On Feb. 4, 66 dogs and puppies in Langley were taken into care in what the organization alleges was one of the largest puppy mills in B.C. history. Some animals were suffering from infections, broken limbs

and missing eyes or ears.

On Feb. 16, constables seized 82 cats and dogs from a breeding and boarding facility in Surrey.

Two suffering cats had to be euthanized.

Craig Daniell, CEO of the BC SPCA, said many of the rescued

dogs were found in cramped cages in dark, unheated buildings with dangerously high ammonia levels.

"These events have really reinforced the public's desire for the licensing and inspection of dog and cat breeders, to prevent the kind of suffering we have witnessed in the last few weeks."

Daniell said the society conducts about 200 investigations of animal breeders each year, most prompted by complaints from members of the public.

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SITE C DAM

BC Hydro seeks to remove protesters

Protesters have no legal right to block construction of the Site C dam and their actions could cost BC Hydro \$8 million, a lawyer for the utility argued Monday.

The provincial Crown corporation has asked the British Columbia Supreme Court for an injunction to remove First Nations members and Peace Valley landowners from a protest camp near Fort St. John.

"BC Hydro has the legal authority to do what it is doing, and the defendants have no legal right to obstruct it," Mark Andrews told a judge.

The \$8.8-billion dam will flood agricultural land and First Nations archeological sites, and destroy hunting and fishing areas. Opponents include environmentalist David Suzuki, who said the project conflicts with climate targets set in Paris.

Demonstrators set up camp on the south bank of the Peace River in November 2015 and have been blocking crews from undertaking clearing work, even building campfires near tree-felling and excavation operations, BC Hydro lawyers told the court.

Andrews said protesters are blocking an area where waste rock was to be deposited, forcing crews to transport the rock elsewhere at a cost of about \$8 million. If the alternative site doesn't work, there's a small risk the project will be delayed by a year at a cost of \$420 million, he said.

Clearing needs to be underway by no later than the beginning of March to avoid impinging on bird-nesting months, when it becomes impractical to clear, he added.

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Man battling leukemia facing million-dollar hospital bill



Out of treatment options in Canada, Vancouver newlyweds Brandon and Michelle Durieux are facing a massive hospital bill while he undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of leukemia at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. COURTESY MICHELLE DURIEX

HEALTH CARE

Vancouverite out of options at home turns to U.S. clinic



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The wife of a Vancouver man diagnosed with leukemia who has run out of treatment options in Canada says her husband has found hope in his cancer battle in Texas.

But with treatment expected to cost upwards of \$1 million, newlyweds Michelle and Brandon Durieux say the journey to remission will land them deep in debt just as they're starting their lives together as husband and wife.

"It's stressful," Michelle, 25, told Metro. "But my biggest focus right now is Brandon and just making sure that he's taken care of."

The Durieuxs tied the knot on Oct. 18, two months after Brandon was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, an aggressive form of cancer that affects the

blood and bone marrow.

After undergoing two rounds of chemotherapy and an experimental drug trial at Vancouver General Hospital, which all failed, Brandon was told earlier this year that he had exhausted all treatment options available in Canada.

Unwilling to accept defeat, Michelle, who is originally from Texas, urged her husband to seek a second opinion in Houston at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, known as one of the world's leading cancer research and treatment hospitals.

After less than two weeks at MD Anderson, Michelle said they are already feeling more optimistic, despite facing some hurdles.

Shortly after arriving, Brandon, whose immune system is severely compromised, came down with a cold that saw him admitted to hospital with a sky-high fever.

On Monday, he was finally well enough that doctors gave him the green light to begin treatment.

After genetic testing revealed that Brandon's cancer had mutated, explaining why the experimental drug he was given in Vancouver had stopped working, he is now starting chemotherapy followed by another experimental

drug trial that has shown promise in patients who have stopped responding to other drugs.

The goal, she said, is to get Brandon into remission so he can receive a stem-cell transplant to replace his damaged bone marrow with new, healthy cells, and to give him a new immune system.

But the treatment doesn't come cheap.

The hospital estimates that Brandon's leukemia treatment alone will cost at least \$224,000 US, while the stem-cell transplant could cost up to \$1.2 million.

Although a GoFundMe.com crowdfunding campaign had raised more than \$82,000 as of Monday, the money is barely enough to cover the deposit required for Brandon to start treatment.

Despite being a B.C. resident, Brandon's treatment is not eligible to be covered under the province's Medical Services Plan (MSP).

A B.C. Ministry of Health spokeswoman said Monday that out-of-country treatment that is considered experimental or still in the research stage is not eligible for coverage.

While she is still hopeful that at least part of Brandon's treatment will be covered by MSP, Michelle said they are going forward with treatment regardless.

The finances are frightening, Michelle said, but not trying everything they can to save his life isn't an option.

"For me, it's just about making sure he has his best chance at treatment, and a life after all this," she said. "If I have to be in debt forever and pay off hospital bills for the rest of my life, that's exactly what I'll do. If I didn't have him in my life, I wouldn't feel complete."



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Larger deficits than projected: Federals

BUDGET

Shortfall likely to exceed \$20B in wake of big-ticket promises

The federal government is projecting a deficit of at least \$18.4 billion next year, a shortfall nearly five times the projections from just three months ago and well past the \$10-billion limit promised by the Liberals.

When the government unveils its maiden budget on March 22, the deficit could well exceed \$20 billion once a number of big-ticket Liberal campaign promises — including infrastructure spending — are factored in.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau staged a campaign-style town-hall event Monday to deliver the bad news and reassure Canadians who might be reconsidering their ballot-box choice last October.

"Given the economic situation in which we find ourselves today, Canadians made the

right choice" by voting Liberal, Morneau said.

The federal Finance Department is also predicting a \$15.5-billion deficit in 2017-18 — more than six times its estimate last fall of \$2.4 billion.

The Liberals are banking on some of their spending vows to help revive economic growth and create jobs in Canada's struggling economy.

The calculations are based on an average projected oil price of \$40 for 2016, down from \$54 in the government's fall update,

and projected growth of 1.4 per cent, down from two per cent in the fall.

Finance says the fiscal projections are about \$2 billion lower per year because recent developments have been accounted for, including the Liberals' changes to the income-tax brackets and Canada's operations in the Middle East.

Ottawa also adjusted its deficit forecast for 2015-16 — a shortfall is now projected to be \$2.3 billion rather than the previous estimate of \$3 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

I know the cries will get louder over the next few weeks, but I won't have budget 2016 simply become a knee-jerk reaction to recent economic shifts.



Bill Morneau
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Sydney radio host Rob Calabrese has launched a website titled 'Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins,' which has created a surge of interest in the island's real estate. CONTRIBUTED

TRUMP FACTOR

Cape Breton real estate sees burst in American inquiries



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A website encouraging Americans concerned about Donald Trump's rise in the Republican party to move to Cape Breton has created a surge of interest in the island's real estate.

On Feb. 15 Sydney radio host Rob Calabrese launched a website titled 'Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins.'

Calabrese told Metro last week that he initially launched the site as a joke. He had been following the American election closely, including the debates and Trump's controversial stances on banning Muslims from the country and building a wall on the Mexican border.

His website struck a chord. Calabrese has since received national and international media

attention. His website has so far garnered more than 200,000 visitors, and he has received assistance from Destination Cape Breton to deal with thousands of inquiries from Americans.

Canadian real estate listings website Point2Homes has also experienced a surge in traffic from Americans seriously considering a move to Cape Breton.

"Data collected from our website shows that despite some considering the story a joke, many Americans took it quite seriously," Point2Homes spokesperson Roxana Baiceanu said in an email to Metro.

"We're seeing almost 40,000 daily visits on average on the Cape Breton listing pages, all coming from the U.S. In addition, more than 200 emails have



Donald Trump
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been sent to agents or friends."

Baiceanu wrote on her real estate blog that Cape Breton real estate searches via Point2Homes have jumped by 3,450 per cent since they shared Calabrese's story last week.

Last Friday, the number of visits to that website's Cape Breton listings pages spiked to more than 50,000.

"Not only that, but at least two dozen potential home buyers have sent emails to agents, showing their interest in houses on the island," she wrote on her blog.

Although Calabrese had initially tried to personally respond to all the questions posed by Americans checking out his website, he has since posted a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section to clarify the intentions of the site.

metro EXCLUSIVE

Ottawa's Peace Tower policy sparks colourful conundrum



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The federal government has been inundated with requests from charities and causes to light up the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill — so many, in fact, that the department responsible for illuminating the historic building is at a bit of a loss for how to handle them all.

So now Canadian Heritage is scrambling to come up with an official strategy to deal with all the requests.

"In order to manage such requests and to ensure that the symbolic integrity of the Peace

Tower is maintained currently and in the future, a strategy for dealing with these types of requests is required," says a memo sent to former heritage minister Shelly Glover last September.

Metro obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

Last year, the Peace Tower was lit up in pink lights to mark the birth of Princess Charlotte — just as it had been lit up in blue for the birth of her older brother, Prince George, in 2013. The building was basked in a green hue after former finance minister Jim Flaherty, who was of Irish heritage, died in 2014. In those cases, the govern-

ment paid the associated costs, but the tower has also been lit to support a number of causes, including breast cancer awareness, childhood cancer awareness, International Girls Day and World Autism Day.

All the options provided to the department are blacked out in Metro's copy of the memo to Glover, and the department declined a request for an interview to discuss details about the new illumination policy, which is still in the works.

But the memo does caution that the Peace Tower "must not be used as a commercial promotional tool, as per the rules established for the use of Parliament Hill."

Canadians barred from Jeopardy!

TELEVISION

Popular game show blames changes to privacy laws

Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek, a famous Canadian, apparently won't be seeing many of his countrymen on the popular game show for the foreseeable future.

The show says Canadians were precluded from taking last month's online test — which is a pipeline for Jeopardy! contestants — because of a change in Canada's online privacy laws. Producers said Monday they were working to clear up the issue for future tests.

Canadians have traditionally been included in the American version of Jeopardy!, which airs in both countries.

"We have had many Canadians as contestants throughout the

history of the show, and we hope that will continue, because Canadians make great game show contestants," Trebek, a native of Sudbury, Ont., said in a statement.

Jeopardy! producers said in a statement that "ever-changing and complex" international laws governing the sharing of information over the Internet precluded the Canadians' participation.

That left unclear exactly how the test runs afoul of Canadian laws. Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa expert in online privacy, told the National Post that anti-spam legislation was the only major legal change in this area recently, and there was nothing in that law that would prevent Canadians from taking an online test no matter where it originates.

Canadian contestants are still appearing in this season's shows because they are drawn from the results of a test given a year ago.

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Software developer Ken Jennings, right, poses for a photo with Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek on the set of the show in 2004 in Culver City, Calif. SONY PICTURES TELEVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SASKATCHEWAN

Teachers back after La Loche shooting

Teachers have returned to a Saskatchewan school that was the site of a deadly shooting, but the front entrance to the building remains boarded up.

Provincial Education Minister Don Morgan says the doors through which a shooter entered La Loche high school Jan. 22 is sealed off and a different entrance will be used for returning students.

Morgan says repairs have been made and parts of the school will be used by counsellors to help students cope as they gradually resume classes.

"The counsellors that they're using have suggested not to have

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A 17-year-old youth charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder appeared in court in Meadow Lake, Sask., on Monday afternoon.

a specific date or a specific time and saying, "This is it. Ring the bell and classes start," Morgan said in an interview Monday.

"They're saying bring the people in gradually, both the staff and the students."

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RCMP stand outside the La Loche Community School in La Loche, Sask., Jan. 25. The doors of the high school that was the site of a fatal shooting are reopening.

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HUDSON'S BAY



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders greets people at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, S.C. Sanders and Hillary Clinton continue to battle for primary voters as South Carolina holds their Democratic primary Feb. 27. POE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Black vote crucial to Democrat race

U.S. POLITICS

Clinton has edge over rival; Sanders has to win support

Bernie Sanders has eight days to win the hearts of black voters in the Deep South.

Sanders, a senator from America's second-whitest state, has never before had to build a black following. If he doesn't do it immediately, he likely can't beat Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. And he sure isn't doing it yet.

South Carolina's primary is Saturday. Sanders and Clinton are in a dead heat for its white voters. For many of its black voters, Clinton might as well be running unopposed.

Most of them first heard Sanders's name in the past year, some of them in the past week. Even voters who know of his record say they have tuned him out. Their vote was se-

cure the moment Clinton announced.

In three South Carolina polls released last week, Clinton led Sanders 73 to 19, 63 to 21 and 63 to 23 among African-Americans. While Sanders did better with blacks under the age of 30, there was no sign of the white-millennial Bernie-mania that gripped New Hampshire.

Without such a groundswell, a dramatic race might turn fast into a rout. Black voters are half of the primary electorate in South Carolina. On Super Tuesday, March 1, they make up a hefty share of the vote in six southern states. Clinton's smallest lead with blacks in those states: 40 points.

Sanders is scrambling to trim the gap. He is running a stirring ad featuring the daughter of Eric Garner, a black man killed by police. He is stumping with a former NAACP leader. And

his campaign has played up his youthful civil rights activism.

But black Democratic elites have come out in force for Clinton. Sanders has not deviated much from his core message, which emphasizes income inequality over racial inequality.



He governed in a very, very Reagan-like way on issues of concern to blacks.

Prof. Robert Smith on Bill Clinton's record

It is criminal justice where Clinton might be vulnerable, said Robert Smith, a San Francisco State University political science professor. Bill Clinton signed a harsh 1994 crime bill that caused an explosion in

black imprisonment. "To many of us who have studied (Bill) Clinton and his record very carefully, the kind of affection that blacks have for him and his wife is not earned," Smith said. "He governed in a very, very Reagan-like way on issues of concern to blacks. I don't think most black, ordinary voters are aware of that."

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IN BRIEF

U.S. and Russia not helping peace in Syria, UN says

War crimes are "rampant" in Syria, and the conflict is "a multisided proxy war steered from abroad by an intricate network of alliances," UN investigators said Monday. The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria said the U.S., Russia and regional countries ostensibly pushing for peace "continue to feed the military escalation."

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Cosby's wife speaks to charges against husband

Bill Cosby's wife Camille, 71, who has stood by him despite dozens of sexual-assault allegations against him, was deposed Monday in a defamation lawsuit filed against him by seven accusers.

She did so privately at a hotel in Springfield, Mass.

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Cuba declares war on mosquitoes for health

Cuban President Raul Castro is dispatching 9,000 soldiers to help keep the Zika virus out of Cuba, calling on the entire country to help kill the mosquitoes that carry the disease.

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MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo suspect admits to shootings

The Uber driver suspected in a series of three random shootings in Michigan admitted carrying out the seemingly random attacks that killed six people, a prosecutor said Monday.

Jason Dalton waived his right against self-incrimination before making the statement to authorities, Kalamazoo County prosecutor Jeff Getting said.

Dalton's statements were used to file charges of murder and attempted murder Monday, two days after the rampage in the Kalamazoo area.

Dalton appeared in court via video to hear the charges. He was ordered held without bond

and will get a court-appointed attorney.

If he's convicted, the murder charges carry a mandatory life sentence. Michigan does not have the death penalty.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller said Uber is cooperating with law enforcement officials. Investigators are particularly interested in communication between Dalton and Uber, as well as customers he might have driven, the sheriff said.

Questions about motive and Dalton's frame of mind are "going to be the hardest to answer for anybody," Fuller said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People gather and pray at Center Point Church following a mass shooting in Kalamazoo, Mich. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES

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Experts say Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "upbeat" campaign was one reason he resonated with the electorate. **About 67 per cent of young people cast ballots in the 2015 general election, while 70 per cent of new Canadians made their voices heard.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Youth drive surge in voter turnout

FEDERAL ELECTION

Participation of immigrants, young people 18-24 hits high

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The surge in voter turnout during the 2015 federal election was driven largely by young people and new Canadians.

Sixty-seven per cent of voters ages 18 to 24 cast a ballot in October, compared to only 55 per cent in 2011, according to data released Monday by Statistics Canada. A similar spike was observed among Canadians who've had citizenship for less than a decade — 70 per cent said they voted last year, versus 56 per cent in 2011.

The increased turnout may have more to do with the specifics of the election — which ousted the Conservatives and propelled Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to power — than a renewed sense of political participation, experts say.

"I don't think it's a coincidence that turnout was up among young people when both the Liberals and the NDP were looking very strong," said Ryerson University politics professor Daniel Rubenson. "Young people tend not to support the Conservative party."

It also helped that Trudeau ran an "upbeat" campaign and was cast as a youthful alternative to established politicians, said York University professor Dennis Pilon.

"People like to see people like themselves in the political system," he said.

It's incumbent on politicians to ensure high turnout among

youth and immigrants isn't just a blip, Pilon said.

"If we want to keep youth voting up, if we want to keep multicultural voting up, then we need to address the serious economic problems those groups are facing," he said. "A government that would take up youth employment, for example, in a serious way would recruit a solid base of supporters."

"It would make those people say 'politics matters.'"

Other strategies to increase turnout could include lowering the voting age, adopting a proportional representation system, or even making voting mandatory, Pilon said.

"The evidence from countries that use compulsory voting is that it's more inclusive," he said. "Political parties have to think of the different kinds of voters who will show up and craft policies to cater to them."

ASHLEY MADISON

Police probe U.S. site over alleged data post

Utah authorities are investigating a website for allegedly posting data from the Ashley Madison hack.

According to warrants filed in a Utah court, the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating a website and Facebook page for publishing the personal details of Ashley Madison customers from the southern Utah area.

The website and Facebook page, both titled "AM Southern Utah," were allegedly created with data stolen from the Toronto-based Ashley Madison.

No one has been charged with

a crime.

Ashley Madison, which helps people have extramarital affairs, was hacked in July, and millions of customers had their information leaked online. Toronto police are investigating the hack, and working with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. Since the hack, numerous people caught up in the hack have reported being targeted by online extortionists, and Toronto police said the attack may be related to hate crimes and two unconfirmed reports of suicide.

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IN BRIEF

Starbucks announces loyalty program overhaul

Starbucks is changing the terms of its rewards program so that people who just get a regular cup of coffee will have to spend significantly more to earn a freebie.

The chain says its loyalty program will award stars based on dollars spent starting in April at all its Canadian and U.S. locations. People will now have to earn 125 stars for a free item, with each dollar spent worth two stars — meaning they have to spend \$62.50 to get a free item. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

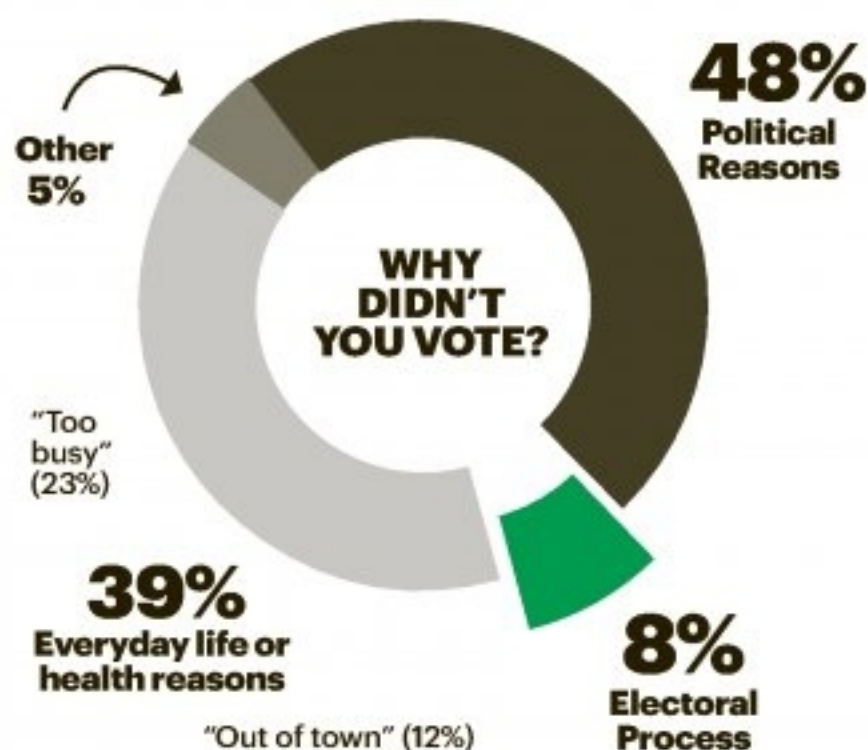
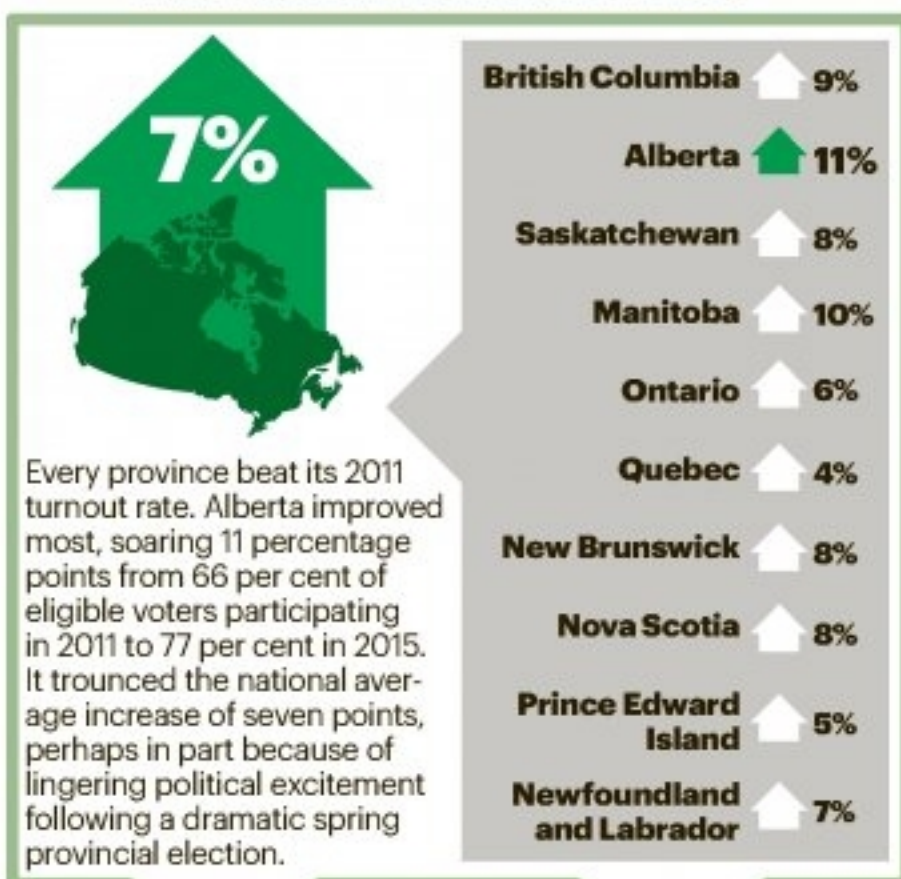


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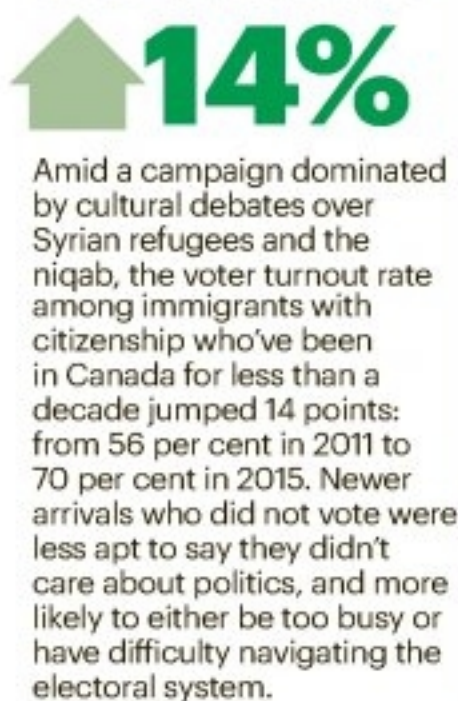
A milestone for Canada

During the fall election campaign, Metro asked if young, urban Canadians were ready to engage with the issues — and put their engagement into action by showing up to vote. You were more than ready: Self-reported voter turnout surged in every province and demographic group, according to a Statistics Canada report released Monday. Seventy-seven per cent of eligible voters said they cast a ballot, up from 70 per cent in 2011. We break down who voted, who couldn't figure out how to vote, and who had nothing but excuses, excuses.

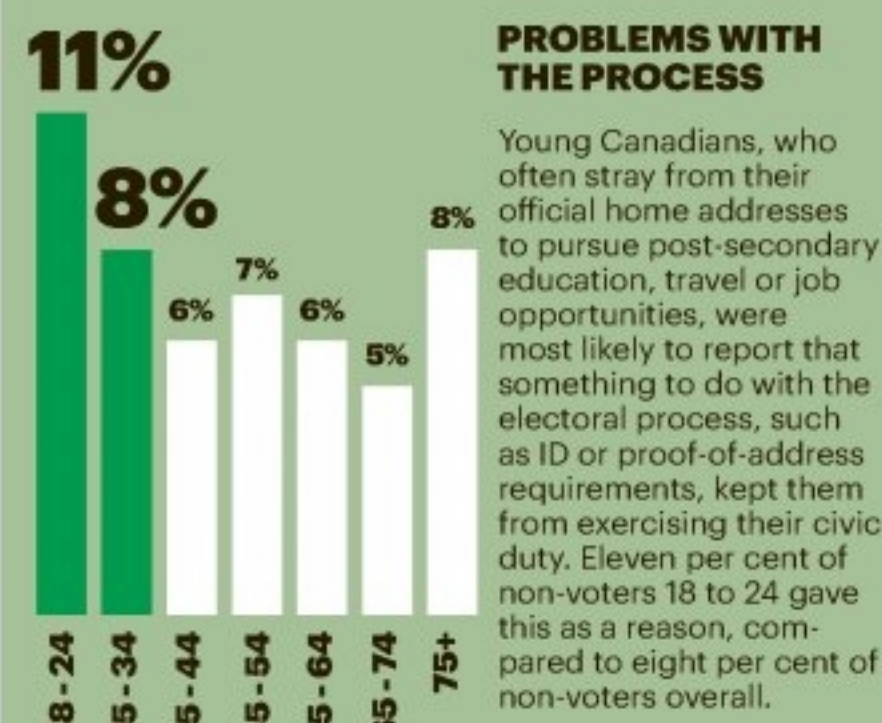
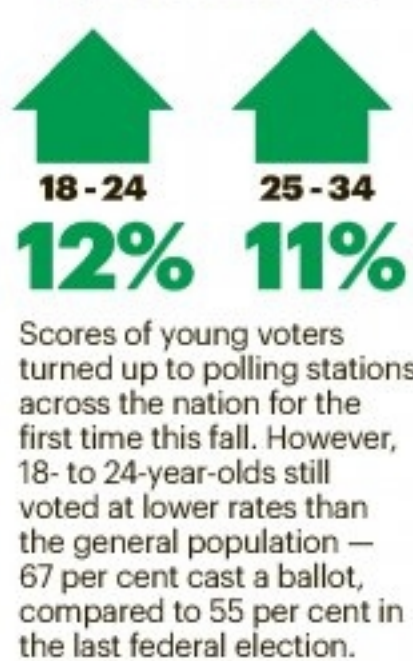
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NEW CANADIANS



YOUTH VOTERS



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METRO ASKED | What does the surge in youth voter turnout mean to you?

In the lead-up to the election, Metro met with young, politically active voters from cities across the country. Jerilynn Webster, 26, said she was concerned about indigenous children in care, welcoming refugees and protecting the environment. Rodney Diverlus, 25, spoke out against student debt and racial inequality.



JERILYNN WEBSTER
Rapper, spoken-word artist
Vancouver, B.C.
 I feel like young people are the experts in knowing how to create justice, how to create safety for our communities — because we want justice for our children, missing women, our environment, refugees.



RODNEY DIVERLUS
Co-founder, Black Lives Matter Toronto
 I felt that this election, a lot of young people I knew were really excited to engage... Whether or not we agreed with the results, this election at least had the potential for new leadership.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Meritocracy is a myth. Pointing that out will still get you harassed.

There is a limit to last wishes beyond the grave.

Which is too bad for Dr. Victor Priebe of Windsor, Ont., a radiologist who loved photography and public libraries, but apparently didn't care for non-white people or lesbians.

Priebe, who died Jan. 1 at 83, set up two science bursaries in his will, which is replete with blatant hatred and which an Ontario judge has struck down because it is "white supremacist, homophobic and misogynistic."

The will stipulated one bursary for "Caucasian (white), male, single, heterosexual students" who are "not afraid of hard manual work in their selection of summer employment," and another one to benefit a "hard-working, single Caucasian white girl who is not feminist or lesbian."

In her ruling, the National Post reported, the judge relied on a 1938 Supreme Court decision, which allowed the overturning of wills that are offensive to public standards (in this case, the Ontario Human Rights Code).

Priebe's will is certainly offensive, and absurdly, laughably, quaintly out of date.

Yet we still needed, upon Harper Lee's death last Friday, to celebrate her novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* as a perpetually relevant tool to grapple with resilient discrimination, a map for "how to go forward after a moment of blatant injustice,"

in the words of one New York Times commenter.

White supremacy and sexism may be legally out of date, but whiteness, maleness, power and privilege are still deeply entwined in the West. And while it's easy to laugh at an old man's will (what's with all the "hard-working" stuff?), some are not so keen to actively rebalance the inequality with which it's imbued.

Take the crowd that attacked Buzzfeed's Scaachi Koul — and forced her off Twitter — after she sent a call out for freelancers who were non-white and non-male. Koul, a rising voice on racism and sexism and a once-formidable Twitter presence, was ridiculed for her tone ("ugh, men" she tweeted). Maclean's Scott Gilmore charged her, ridiculously, with labour-rights violations. She got the predictable rape threats. She made the obvious counter-argument: "Giving ignored voices preferential treatment is not racism against white people. It is an attempt to fix all of history," she tweeted before suspending her account.

This is where we are: An imagined meritocracy blankets our lopsided press, business elite and politics, and pointing that out gets you harassed. Priebe might not be getting what he wanted, but his would-be beneficiaries continue to do just fine without him.

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Sheen boosts HIV awareness

PUBLIC HEALTH

Star's Today Show interview spiked online health searches

Actor Charlie Sheen was called a lot of things during his bad-boy days. Until now, public health promoter wasn't one of them.

Sheen's revelation that he's infected with the virus which causes AIDS prompted the greatest number of HIV-related Google searches recorded in the United States since 2004, and more than 1 million of them involved public health-related information.

That's according to a new study from San Diego State University research professor John Ayers and colleagues, who examined the impact of the announcement Nov. 17 by the former star of TV's *Two and a Half Men*.

"While no one should be forced to reveal HIV status, Sheen's disclosure may benefit public health by helping many people learn more about HIV infection and prevention," the researchers wrote in a report published Monday in *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

They analyzed Google trends data along with news trends from a Bloomberg LP terminal system from 2004 through three weeks after Sheen's announcement.

Given historic trends,



Charlie Sheen disclosed his HIV status on NBC's *Today* show on Nov. 17 last year. There were almost 3 million more searches about HIV on Google that day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

there were almost 3 million more searches about HIV on Nov. 17 than expected, and more than 1 million were related to important public health messages because they included search terms for condoms, HIV symptoms or HIV testing.

The study doesn't list the total number of HIV-related searches that day on Google.

The researchers also found there were more than 6,500 HIV-related news stories — not counting duplicates from the same news source — on Google News alone on Nov.

17, reversing a decade-long decline in news reporting about the virus.

Sheen's tumultuous professional and personal life has made news before — for public outbursts, drug and alcohol use and prostitution.

1 million

The number of public health-related HIV searches on Google on Nov. 17, the day Charlie Sheen disclosed his HIV positive status.

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The study didn't look at the online impact of those headlines.

The researchers noted that former NBA star Magic Johnson sparked increased HIV awareness when he disclosed his own infection, in 1991, before the Internet was so ubiquitous.

They said public health authorities could leverage the "Charlie Sheen effect" to keep the spotlight on HIV awareness, and that Sheen's disclosure could potentially have a greater impact because of how connected people are to information.

About 1 million people across the United States are HIV-infected but government estimates say about 150,000 of them don't know it — emphasizing the importance of better awareness, Ayers said.

A journal editorial says public health authorities face a challenge when blockbuster celebrity health news surfaces, and need to make sure useful health information is easily accessible to consumers at such moments.

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HEALTH BRIEF

Anti-AIDS vaginal ring partially protects women

Women who inserted a vaginal ring coated with an anti-AIDS drug once a month were partially protected against HIV infection, researchers said Monday as they released long-awaited results from two large studies in Africa.

The ring proved safe although the protection was modest, reducing overall HIV infection by less than a third. Surprisingly, the ring worked far better in women 25 and older, leaving researchers wondering if the youngest women, who got little to no benefit, simply didn't use the device properly.

Women make up more than half of the nearly 37 million people worldwide living with HIV, most of them in hard-hit Africa, and scientists have long sought tools to help them protect themselves when their partners won't use a condom.

Vaginal rings are sold in the U.S. for birth control, but the anti-AIDS version tested in Africa contained no contraception.

Instead, it slowly oozes an experimental virus-blocking drug named dapivirine into the surrounding vaginal tissue. Women would replace the ring once a month, when it was time for another dose.

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YouTube superstar takes her sparkle to L.A.



Internet sensation and Scarborough, Ont. native Lilly Singh has moved to Los Angeles to capture the energy of the city's entertainment industry. CONTRIBUTED

II SUPERWOMAN II

Lilly Singh is off to show biz capital after her world tour

It's been an unexpected and eventful journey from the Scarborough, Ont. home where Lilly Singh first became a YouTube star to the bright lights of Los Angeles.

In between, there was a whirlwind global tour in 2015 that included 31 shows in 27 cities — most of them sold out — chronicled in the documentary *A Trip to Unicorn Island*, which premiered on YouTube earlier this month.

"Everything that people

love about my videos and channel online, I wanted to bring it to a stage and bring it to cities across the world. There were a lot of places that I'd never been such as Trinidad, such as Hong Kong," says Singh, a comic and motivational speaker.

"The biggest highlight was meeting the fans from all over the world. You make videos online and you see analytics and comments. But there's something special about seeing people's faces in real life."

The tour didn't come without its "hiccups," including visa problems in India and a stage in Adelaide, Australia, that was barely large enough for Singh and the eight backup dancers she brought along. In Dubai, employees of the

theatre smoked prodigiously throughout the show.

"The schedule was quite ambitious, especially to begin with. India is a hard country to start with because it is on the opposite (side) of the world. So you had to adjust to not only the weather and the food and the climate (but) also the time," Singh recalled.

"So our first six shows back to back were in India and after the sixth show, I was hospitalized already from dehydration and exhaustion," she added.

The tour and the new film are just the latest triumphs in an unlikely success story that began in 2010 when Singh started posting comedy videos from her bedroom enclave.

Last year, Singh was listed

"I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film."

YouTube star Lilly Singh

No. 8 on Forbes list of YouTube millionaires and more recently landed on its influential 30 Under 30 list of emerging stars.

Besides a clothing line, Singh has two YouTube channels, *II Superwoman II*, where she continues to post her Monday and Thursday "scripted comedy" videos for an estimated 7.8 million fans, and *Superwoman Vlogs*, where she posts a daily

blog for her "super-fans."

For Singh, the next logical step was heading to Los Angeles, a move she made early in the new year.

"One of the main reasons I moved to L.A. is because there's like-minded people there, people in the same industry as me. So you have that motivation and drive because when you look around, you see everyone else doing something and so you feel guilty if you're not doing something," Singh said.

"That energy is exactly what I need to flourish in my career at this point. Almost everybody in the (entertainment) industry lives in L.A. so it's very easy to collaborate and bounce ideas off each other."

Former WWE star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who has become a solid box office draw as an action star, has become a mentor. (Johnson makes a brief appearance in *Unicorn Island*).

"We have yet to work together, but he does kind of guide me through a lot of things. It would be my dream to work with him on a creative project one day," Singh said.

"I would love to get into TV and film. I've been auditioning and I love acting the few times I've done it. I'd love to get into that world not necessarily instead of YouTube — I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Dogs, pop stars tressed to impress

THE SHOW: Grammy Awards (CTV/CBS) and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (USA/CNBC)
THE MOMENT: The Promenade

One by one, the most celebrated of their ilk stride the carpet and pose. Judges rate their teeth, their grooming, their gait. Some grin, some snap, some quiver. Eventually, they're herded into small groups where they compete head to head, often with others utterly unlike them.

Many receive awards, but there's only one Record of the Year. I mean, Best in Show.

The Grammy Awards and the Westminster Kennel Club show happened on the same night this year. Flipping between them, I got confused.

On one channel was Common, in polka-dot lapels; on the other was CJ, a spotted German pointer. Here an announcer described a spaniel as having a "merry demeanor;" there, Adele grinned. Taylor Swift's blonde bob shone; so did the white bob on the

Hairless Chinese Crested.

The black and white Shih Tzu wore its hair in barettes; Janelle Monae, also in black and white, sported pigtailed and a bellhop cap. Beyoncé and a Borzoi dazzled in silky white.

Here came a lovely red Cirneco dell'Etna, there went lovely redhead Florence Welch. And just as an announcer called Italian greyhounds "affectionate to the point of neediness," John Legend and Chrissy Teigan appeared.

The Grammys gave out 83 prizes; the WKC recognized 187 breeds. Both were exhaustive, dizzying displays of grace, discipline and hair styling. But how anyone could choose between a bulldog, a German shepherd and a Skye terrier — I mean, between Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars and The Weeknd — I'll never know.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



A Maltese competing at the WKC dog show, left, and Taylor Swift at the Grammys. AFP/GETTY IMAGES; LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS



YuMee Chung demonstrates the Levator Scapula Layover stretch. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Take the tension out of your layover

THE MOVES

This yoga stretch will help unwind neck muscles

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

There are few things more stressful than a super short layover. By the time you've deplaned and made a mad dash between gates (if not terminals) with a carry-on bag and personal items in tow, you'll definitely need a vacation. This yoga move can be done in the moments before you board your next flight to unwind tense neck and shoulder muscles.

Levator Scapula Layover

1. Hold your bags with your left hand and/or shoulder, allowing the arm to hang heavy and the shoulder to be pulled towards the ground.

2. Lay your head to the right, as if you mean to place your right ear on your right shoulder.

3. Use your right hand to reach over and take hold of the left side of your head. Think of this hand as encouraging a slow, organic release rather than forcing a sudden stretch.

4. Breathe into the left side of your neck for eight slow breaths.

5. Next, turn your nose down toward your right shoulder and move your right hand slightly towards the back of your head.

6. Breathe into the back of your neck for eight slow breaths.

7. Remove the right hand and use it to manually move your head into an upright position.

8. Repeat on the other side.

FLEXIBILITY
A healthy neck can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees

Get to know your fight-or-flight muscles

The levator scapulae (levator scap for short) are sometimes referred to as fight-or-flight muscles because they are notorious for firing under stressful conditions. They hunch shoulders and bring the chin forward.

Over-activity in this muscle pair can lead to neck pain and stiffness. A healthy neck can rotate about 80 degrees to both sides and can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees.

YuMee Chung is a recovering lawyer who teaches yoga in Toronto. She is on the faculty of several yoga teacher training programs and leads international yoga retreats. Learn more about her at padmani.com.

HEALTH BRIEF

Breastfed children need Vitamin D supplements

Children should continue receiving a daily dose of Vitamin D as long as they are breastfeeding, including toddlers who consume other foods and fluids, according to researchers.

While breast milk is "the near perfect food," one thing it doesn't contain enough of is Vitamin D, says pediatrician Dr. Jonathon Maguire of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Especially in northern countries like Canada where mothers don't get as much sunlight.

As a result, organizations such as the Canadian Paediatric Society have long recommended infants receive supplement drops of Vitamin D, which is important for building strong bones and preventing rickets and chronic diseases. The researchers from St. Mike's and the Hospital for Sick Children found the risk of Vitamin D deficiency rose by six per cent for every month babies were breastfed past age one.

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HEALTH BRIEF**Task force advises against routine colonoscopies**

New Canadian guidelines say colonoscopy should not be used for routine screening to detect colorectal cancer in patients with no symptoms or family history of the disease.

The guidelines from the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care strongly recommend that low-risk patients aged 50 to 74 be screened using fecal occult blood tests every two years or sigmoidoscopy every 10 years.

Sigmoidoscopy involves the insertion of a flexible scope to view the lower portion of the colon and rectum rather than the entire tract, as is the case with colonoscopy.

Task force member Dr. Scott Klarenbach of the University of Alberta says the guidelines do not apply to high-risk patients who have symptoms or a family history of the disease.

The guideline is available at canadiantaskforce.ca. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Up for auction: A first date

WHAT'S YOUR PRICE

Sugar-daddy site matches Generous with Attractive

He's a business man who prefers to go by the alias "Michael." She's a Russian model and Samba dancer named Jessica, who withheld her last name.

It's their first date and Michael, like a gentleman, has paid about \$45 for it. Only, he's paid Jessica directly.

The pair met on dating "auction" site What'sYourPrice.com, where users labelled "Generous" bid on first dates with users labelled "Attractive."

The site has been criticized for blurring the line between dating and escorting. Some blogs have called it "indistinguishable" from prostitution. Its more than 7,000 Toronto users — who spend or are paid an average of \$214 on first dates, according to site data — would argue it's about companionship.

"I'm not selling myself in any way," says 25-year-old Jessica. "It's having dinner with somebody



What's Your Price is a dating website where "generous" men buy first dates from "attractive" women. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DATE\$\$BY CITY

Canadian cities ranked by average amount spent on a first sugar-daddy date:

1. Victoria — \$360
2. Edmonton — \$289
3. Calgary — \$265
4. Montreal — \$242
5. Vancouver — \$222
6. Toronto — \$214
7. Ottawa — \$209
8. Wingham, Ont. — \$190
9. Brampton, Ont. — \$176
10. Laval, Que. — \$167

Source: What's Your Price

that enjoys my company. And why not get paid for it?"

Michael, 36, nods along. They've agreed to let Torstar

News Service follow them on the date. For obliging, the site has promised Michael 500 credits to his profile, credits he'll use to open locked messages from "Attractive" users.

Michael, a Toronto entrepreneur working on getting a weight loss "nutraceutical" business off the ground, uses other conventional dating sites such as Match.com but hasn't had much success. He has noticed he gets a better response from women on What's Your Price, but he's not really sure why.

"For some reason it seems to interest females a bit more as opposed to regular dating," he says.

When others in her generation are swiping right on apps including Tinder and Bumble, Jessica's first digital dating experience is the unconventional sugar-daddy site. This date is the second she's been on using What's Your Price after a friend recommended she check it out. So far she's made nearly \$300. A man visiting from Hawaii paid her \$220 earlier last year to join him for dinner.

Michael's offer then is relatively low. But tonight, Jessica says it was substance more than

cash that brought her here. "He had a very charming profile," she says. "His offer wasn't anything special. It's not all about the money."

But money is the key component of the patent-pending site. It works like this: the "Generous" user bids on a first date with an "Attractive" member. The bid payment is promised in "good faith," according to Brittany Burridge, a rep for the site. What's Your Price does not facilitate the payment, and the "Generous" member normally pays in person after the date.

The payment is where things get controversial. Site founder Brandon Wade says the site's "no escort" policy is answer enough to its critics who say its brand of dating is no different than escorting.

"We make it extremely clear that, first of all, no sex is involved. You can't talk about sex and you shouldn't expect sex on the first date," he says.

"The world in general knows that 'escort' is really just prostitution in disguise. So in that sense, we have already set ourselves apart from that."

Nicole McCance, psychologist and relationship expert doesn't buy the "no escort" policy.

"This is a business deal. This is not dating," she says. "It just worries me that if he's paying for appearance, that there may definitely be pressure on the women to do other things — sexual favours and so on — once she's with him."

McCance has counselled men who have used similar sites, which she says can become addictive. Men sometimes get a kind of "companionship high," the comedown from which can be rough. For the women, she says, it often leaves them feeling used and exploited.

But on this night in Toronto, What's Your Price appears to have forged a benign connection — perhaps even a profitable one for both. Michael says they are "hanging out as friends" and business partners.

Jessica has joined him as a salesperson and product designer in his venture launching a nutritional supplements and health foods business. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



BRANDON WADE'S DATING UNIVERSE

• **What's Your Price** Wade's second most popular site is an online "dating auction" where users buy and sell first dates.

• **Miss Travel** For the worldly types of sugar daddies who love to travel, "generous" men can pay "attractive" women to travel with them.

• **Seeking Arrangement** Wade's most popular sugar-

daddy service lets users get straight to the point about what they want out of the relationship. Cha-ching.

• **Perfect Arrangement** An extension of Seeking Arrangement where personal matchmakers do the work for you.

• **Seeking Millionaire** Dating in the upper tax brackets is made easy with Wade's site for "aspiring women" seeking

"successful men."

• **Open Minded** This site provides a "safe and stigma-free" space for couples looking for a ménage à trois or more.

• **Pair Me Up** A real matchmaker helps set up a date for a small fee paid by the man. Women can get reimbursed up to \$100 for the date.

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'If I can play in the NHL, why not keep going?': The Panthers say they'd love to bring Jaromir Jagr, age 44, back for another season

Shinkaruk dealt to Flames

CANUCKS

Granlund, 22, heading other way in swap



Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

A week before the trade deadline, the Vancouver Canucks made a splash, dealing 2013 first-round pick and prospect winger Hunter Shinkaruk to the Calgary Flames for centre Markus Granlund.

Shinkaruk, selected when Mike Gillis was GM of the Canucks, was leading the AHL Utica Comets in goals (21, including 10 on the power play) and total points (39 in 45 games).

He had a thirst to score. He always has, with speed and an ability to finish around the net at the junior level. Goals and point production proved difficult to come by last year in his first season as a professional, but in that area he took strides forward as a sophomore in Utica this season.

"He likes to score. We don't know if that's going to translate to the NHL or not," said Canucks GM Jim Benning of Shinkaruk in a conference call.

The Canucks, with a roster in a state of transition, have had difficulty scoring all season.

At last year's deadline, the Canucks acquired another skilled forward in Sven Baertschi from Calgary.

Benning said the organization would like to bring back Anton Rodin, a second-round pick from the Gillis era that struggled in two seasons in



The Canucks selected Hunter Shinkaruk, left, in the first round of the 2013 draft. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the AHL before he went back to Sweden to play for Brynas IF, where he's had success, for next season.

Benning admitted this factored into the decision to move Shinkaruk.

Vancouver's assistant general manager John Weisbrod, who was with the Flames organization before joining the Canucks, was also influential in this deal.

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Shinkaruk scored 21 goals with the Utica Comets this season.

"I don't think we gave up on Hunter Shinkaruk. We worked with him to improve the details in his game but we

just felt we're getting a good player for him in return," said Benning.

Benning admitted he made inquiries to other teams about possibly moving Shinkaruk for a young defenceman but other GMs didn't want to part with such assets.

In Granlund, the Canucks acquire another centre. He's 22 years old and 86 games into his NHL career, with a total of

14 goals and 28 points. In 31 games this season, he has four goals and seven points.

Granlund is expected to skate with his new teammates at UBC on Tuesday.

"He's a two-way player that can play in any situation and up and down in our lineup," Benning said.

Go to metronews.ca for more on the trade.

IN BRIEF

Caps put down Coyotes on strength of disputed goal

Mike Richards scored a disputed game-winning goal, his first in more than a year, and the Washington Capitals beat the Arizona Coyotes 3-2 on Monday night.

Only seconds after Alex Ovechkin scored his league-leading 39th goal to give Washington a 2-1 lead, Coyotes goalie Louis Domingue appeared to have the puck covered with a glove in his crease when Tom Wilson reached a stick in to poke it away. It found Richards, who rifled home the Capitals' second goal in 26 seconds.

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Bautista names his price

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista says he has let the Blue Jays know what it would take to keep him, and he's still waiting for an answer.

Bautista is entering the final year of his contract, and he said at spring training Monday he sees no need for a lot of back-and-forth negotiations. The 35-year-old outfielder is coming off a 40-homer season and has made \$64 million over the past five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warriors become fastest NBA team to reach 50 wins

Stephen Curry scored 36 points and the Golden State Warriors became the fastest team in NBA history to 50 wins, beating the Atlanta Hawks 102-92 Monday night after squandering a 23-point lead.

The Warriors (50-5) eclipsed the mark set by the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls, who needed one more game to win their 50th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alberta remains lone unbeaten team at Scotties

Alberta's Chelsea Carey remained the only team without a loss at the Canadian women's curling championship after a pair of narrow wins Monday.

Carey began the day with a 9-8 win over Northern Ontario, then defeated Prince Edward Island 5-4 to improve to 5-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hansen addresses involvement in trade speculation

Jannik Hansen points out two main factors for the career year he's currently experiencing: Daniel Sedin and Henrik Sedin.

As the right-winger on the top line, Hansen is now up to 19 goals on the season. That's a career best for him, having eclipsed the previous mark of 16, which he accomplished twice

in his career.

"It's that simple," The 29-year-old Hansen said

Monday. "You play with them, you're going to get more opportunities. It's not rocket science."

And because he's having such a good, productive season, and because he's a versatile forward that can be used on the penalty kill, or with skilled players, and because he's cap friendly at \$2.5 million per season

for two more years after 2015-16, his name has suddenly been brought up locally in trade speculation as someone whose value is on the rise with the deadline a week away.

He scored twice on Sunday versus the Colorado Avalanche, putting him one goal away from 20 on the season. The Canucks won, but a playoff berth is a long shot at this

point and seems like a futile enterprise anyway.

"It's not something you can take too much notice of," Hansen said of trade speculation.

"If it happens, it happens. But until then you play, you practice. It's out of your hands, what happens around the team, who goes, who stays. There's really very little you can do about that unless you have full protection. That's not something I've earned so it's not something you can decide."

CAM TUCKER/METRO



It's not something you can take too much notice of. Jannik Hansen

5 PLAYERS WHO COULD BE ON THE MOVE

As the NHL marches toward the Feb. 29, 3 p.m. ET trade deadline, the pressure will be amped up on GMs who think they can make the playoffs, or who think they are a player or two away from the Stanley Cup, to make deals. But who will be traded? Here are the most likely suspects.



1 Jonathan Drouin, LW, Tampa Bay

The 21-year-old holdout quit the minors to force the hand of GM Steve Yzerman to make a trade. The most likely landing spot is Colorado, where centre Nathan MacKinnon would love to be reunited with his former Halifax Mooseheads winger.

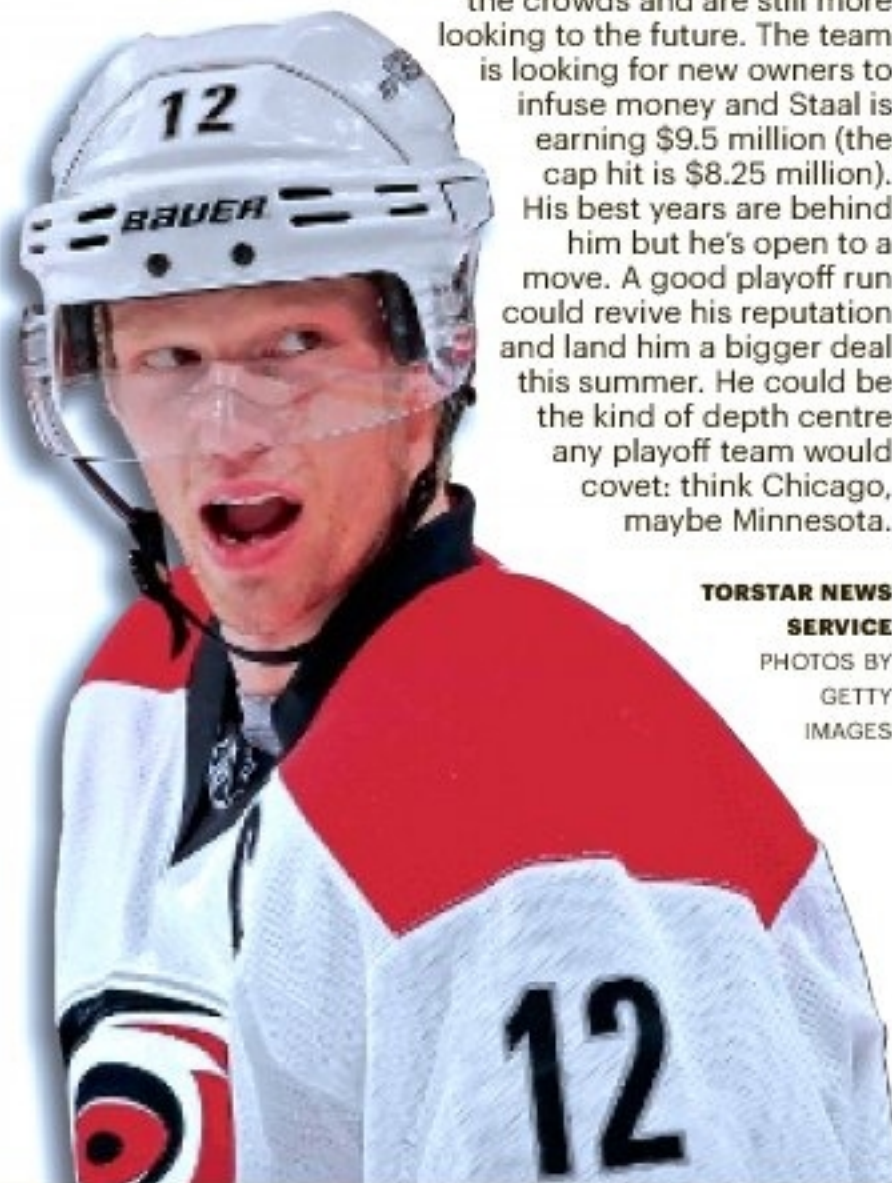


2 Andrew Ladd, LW, Winnipeg

A leader and a solid two-way player, a consistent producer offensively and a reasonable salary (\$4.5 million), he'd fit into any playoff-bound team. The Corsi crowd loves him. The Jets are in the cat-bird seat here, and will get a solid return for their captain who is headed for unrestricted free agency. There could be a bidding war for him between teams such as L.A. and Florida.

3 Eric Staal, C, Carolina

GM Ron Francis has not asked Staal to waive his no-trade clause. But he wouldn't do that anyway until he had an offer he wants. Staal is in the driver's seat and it's a conundrum for Francis, a former teammate who won Carolina's only Cup with Staal. The Hurricanes are better than expected this year, maybe a year ahead of schedule, but aren't getting the crowds and are still more looking to the future. The team is looking for new owners to infuse money and Staal is earning \$9.5 million (the cap hit is \$8.25 million). His best years are behind him but he's open to a move. A good playoff run could revive his reputation and land him a bigger deal this summer. He could be the kind of depth centre any playoff team would covet: think Chicago, maybe Minnesota.



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4 Dan Hamhuis, D, Vancouver

GM Jim Benning might not be as all-in on a youth movement as Canuck fans want him to be, but Hamhuis would garner a big return. Hamhuis signed a cap-friendly deal to continue playing for the Canucks and got a no-trade clause because of it. The \$4.5-million cap hit would fit nicely into just about any team looking for a top-four defenceman.

5 Kris Russell, D, Calgary

At 28, Russell is in the prime of his career and looking for a July 1 raise from the \$2.6 million he is currently making. He would fit on any blue line, although the analytics crowd say he's overrated. The Flames want him back, but aren't afraid of testing the trade market just to see what they could get. They're a young team and could part with a veteran blue-liner for the right price. The Flames are also looking to move veteran winger Jiri Hudler.



IN BRIEF

Napoli fails to reclaim top spot after draw with Milan
Napoli missed the chance to move back to the top of Serie A when it was held by AC Milan to an entertaining 1-1 draw on Monday.

Napoli lost the top spot to Juventus a week ago but could have returned with a win following Juve's draw at Bologna on Friday.

It remained a point behind the four-time defending champion. Napoli coach Maurizio Sarri was sent to the stands in the 73rd for dissent. Milan picked up a precious point in its fight for third place and the final Champions League spot. Milan is eight points behind third-place Fiorentina.

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SOCCER

Under-fire United into cup quarter-finals

Manchester United beat Shrewsbury by an unexpectedly easy 3-0 in the fifth round of the FA Cup on Monday and gave under-fire manager Louis van Gaal at least three days' breathing space.

On Thursday, United has a must-win Europa League match against unheralded Danish side FC Midtjylland. In the FA Cup, United will host West Ham in the quarter-finals in three weeks.

At the New Meadow, in front of almost 10,000 fans, the 11-time FA Cup winners never looked in danger against third-tier Shrewsbury, the lowest-ranked team left in the cup.

Chris Smalling, Juan Mata and Jesse Lingard scored.

Widespread media speculation said van Gaal was fighting for his job after losing to Midtjylland 2-1 in the Europa League last-32 first leg last week, which followed losing to relegation-threatened



United's Juan Mata, second right, scores the second goal from a free kick. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Sunderland 2-1 in the English Premier League.

In a crucial week for the Dutch coach, United also hosts Arsenal in the Premier League on Sunday.

United captain Smalling

opened the scoring with a deflected shot which managed to loop past Shrewsbury goalkeeper Jayson Leutwiler.

Mata effectively ended the game in first-half stoppage time after the hosts were forced to

concede a dangerous free kick right at the edge of the area. Mata's left-foot strike curled in, stranding the keeper.

Lingard added a third from close range after the break.

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- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz goat cheese crumbled

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large, oven-proof skillet, warm up the olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and leeks until they soften, about 3 minutes. Now add the artichokes and stir.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, Dijon mustard, and season with salt and pepper. Gently pour the eggs over the vegetables in the skillet. Sprinkle the goat cheese and scallions over top.
4. Carefully place the skillet in the oven and bake for 15 minutes, until the frittata is set. Serve with a green salad.

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Ingredients

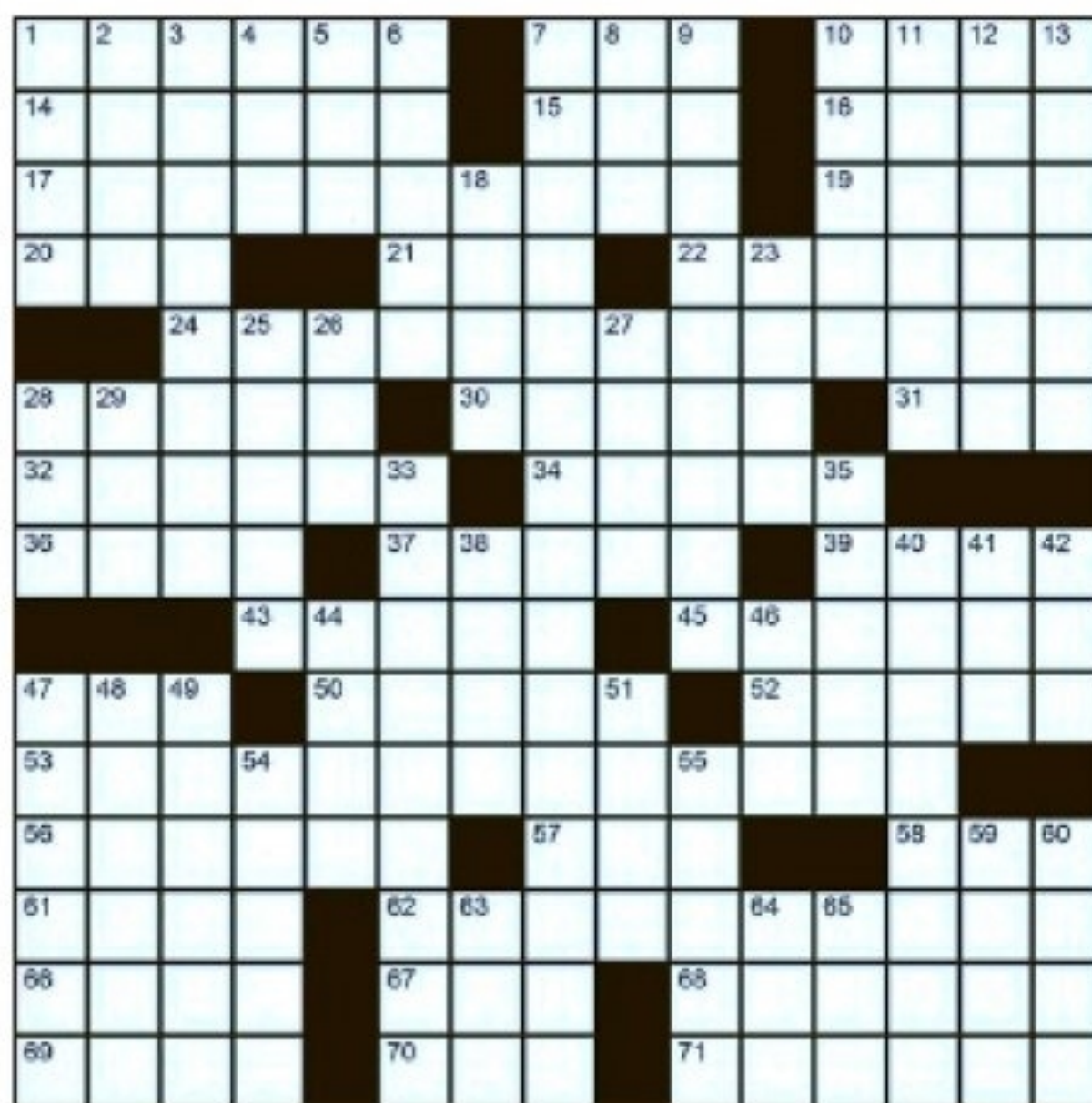
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 leek, washed thoroughly and sliced thinly
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can of artichokes, drained (14 oz)
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 8 eggs
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. The _ of the Shrew
7. Pen brand
10. Everly Brothers: "Let It _"
14. Prefix to 'phonic'
15. Tokyo, formerly
16. Malefic
17. 1957 to 1966 crime drama ...more at #24-Across: 2 wds.
19. Salami shop
20. Six: Italian
21. Mother goddess of Thebes
22. W.C.'s surname
24. On the American show at #17-Across, Canadian actor Raymond Burr starred in the title role as a what?: 2 wds.
28. _ pipe
30. Ms. Hatcher's
31. Firearms org.
32. Cling causer
34. Defeats
36. Morns opposites in verse
37. Hooting hatchling
39. Mr. Baldwin
43. Emmy-winning actress Ms. Woodard
45. 1981: "The Stroke" by Billy _
47. Periods beyond regular hrs.
50. Work _ _ (Masterpiece)
52. Video game pioneer
53. Canadian Cheddar might be a selection on one: 2 wds.



56. Cherry: French
57. WWII operation, _ Jima
58. Imaginary globe line, e.g.
61. Hand-me-down
62. Mailing services locale: 2 wds.

66. Wrinkle
67. Away
68. Purple flowers
69. Ivan's terrible gig
70. Olde-style contraction
71. 19th-century Pointillist painter

DOWN

1. Cutlery components, curtly
2. To _ (Exactly)
3. Tragically Hip's "At the Hundredth _"
4. Somehow flawed [abbr.]
5. Napoleonic Wars

6. Gum: French
7. Popular books often top them: 2 wds.
8. Nuptials vow: 2 wds.
9. Clashes
10. Cover with droplets

11. Singer, _ "Champagne" King
12. More balmy
13. Defence electronics firm of Israel
18. Uncle's wife
23. "May _ a question?"
25. _ _ hole in (Corrodes)
26. Bus. day
27. Buffalo's lake
28. Cattle disease, commonly
29. Path [abbr.]
33. Morning cup filler: 2 wds.
35. Lightly fry
38. Sandwich type
40. Jim Carrey comedy: 2 wds.
41. 'Musket' suffix
42. Heartfelt protest, _ de coeur
44. Team's setback
46. Q. "Is there a _ _ the end of the 'Avenue' musical?" A. "Yes."
47. Supernatural
48. Dissertation
49. Canadian songstress Ms. Ryder
51. "I _ I taw a puddy tat!" - Tweety Bird
54. Downy duck
55. Wrenches and drills
59. Medieval silk/gold fabric
60. Quiz
63. Arles affirmative
64. "Phooey!"
65. Winter bug

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will have a hard time controlling your emotions. Be warned though: if you blow your top you may offend someone powerful. Whatever the issue, it's not the end of the world, so calm down.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The more you tell others what to do today the more they'll do the opposite to spite you. Some people do not like to be directed. This is not the time to come on strong.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are trying so hard to please one person that someone else feels neglected. If you want both relationships to survive you are going to have to be more even-handed.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You know from bitter experience that if you try to please everyone you end up pleasing no one, so aim to please the one person who truly matters — you. Your generosity will be taken for granted today so don't waste it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You won't see eye-to-eye with someone over a business or financial matter. Give the situation a bit more time and it will resolve itself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may fear the worst over a partnership matter but you are being way too pessimistic. This is just a passing phase and by the end of the week you will be the best of friends again — and maybe more than friends too!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Changes in your working routine may not be to your liking but in the long-term they will work in your favour. Progress will come whether you want it to or not, so be smart and work with the forces of change.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one has the right to tell you how to behave or how to manage your affairs. There is no point arguing with certain people, just get on and do what feels right to you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Jump to conclusions today and chances are they will be wrong. Wait before deciding if someone has let you down. Later you'll realize that you got the wrong end of the stick.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Get tough. Let whoever's giving you a hard time know you'll no longer stand there and take what they dish out. You're under no obligation to be nice to those who aren't nice to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something needs to be brought into the open. Face up to what has come between you and a friend or family member and find ways to deal with it. There may be a few tears but it will all come right in the end.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Yesterday's full moon is still having an effect, not least by stirring up old rivalries. There may be a few harsh words today but you must not hold any grudges.

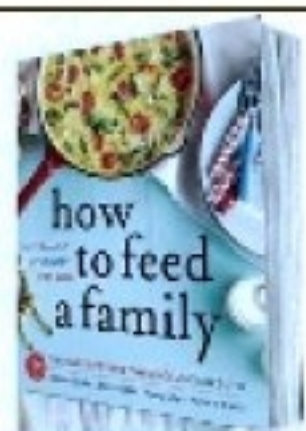
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